

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION REGARDING A LEAD AGENCY AND SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH AND
WORKFORCE TECHNICAL TRAINING/RETRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, in order for North Dakota business to remain competitive in a global economy, they need access to an available and trained workforce, and

WHEREAS, career and job opportunities presently available and those that will be available in the future will require the workforce to be technically literate, and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Cooperative Demonstration Project and other successful High Tech Learning Cooperatives have been providing students with a foundation of technical competencies through funding provided by federal and state sources, and

WHEREAS, the federal and state funding to startup the cooperatives in the late 1980s is no longer available and the funding to maintain the equipment and training of instructors is not sufficient to replace and update worn out equipment or train instructors, resulting in the probability that these opportunities will cease to be offered to K-12 students, and

WHEREAS, the State Board for Career and Technical Education provides supervision, evaluation, and technical assistance to the existing K-12 High Tech Learning Cooperatives, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Workforce Development Council recognizes the importance of establishing standards for technological literacy for the success of the state's workforce, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Workforce Development Council has gone on record in support of the High Tech Cooperative Concept and to designate the State Board for Career and Technical Education as the lead agency for funding and promoting standards for technological literacy, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board for Career and Technical Education become the lead agency for securing funding, coordination, promotion, implementation, and evaluation of all K-12 High Tech Learning Cooperatives in North Dakota.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the North Dakota Workforce Development Council is comprised of 25 members, of whom 16, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 8th day of April 2004, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 16 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2004.

s/s Al Lukes, Chairperson:

